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THE FOLLOWING IS PAPER, MENTIONED REFTEL, PASSED OUT BY
MECKONI AT AGENCY MEETING:

QUOTE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL
CYCLE CENTERS BY ANY GROUP OF COUNTRIES WILL DEPEND ON THE
CONFIDENCE LEVEL THAT COULD BE BUILT UP IN THESE COUNTRIES
AS TO THE FACT WHETHER THE FUEL CYCLE SERVICES WOULD BE
ESTABLISHED ON AN ASSURED BASIS, AND THAT THE SAME WOULD
BE AVAILABLE TO THEM, WHEN SO REQUIRED, FROM SUCH A
REGIONAL CENTER.

QUOTE IT WOULD THEREFORE BE ESSENTIAL TO EXAMINE AS TO HOW
IAEA COULD BE EFFECTIVE IN DEVELOPING THE CONCEPT OF
REGIONAL CENTERS FOR FUEL CYCLE SERVICES WHICH WOULD
GENERALLY BE ACCEPTABLE, AND ALSO WHAT ROLE IAEA COULD PLAY
TOWARDS PREPARATION AND CONCLUSION OF THE NECESSARY AGREE-
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MENTS IN THE TECHNICAL AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS BETWEEN

THE CONCERNED GROUP OF COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE A PRE-REQUISITE TO ANY PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL CENTERS.

QUOTE BECAUSE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONCEPT OF REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY THE CRUCIAL ISSUES EARLY ENOUGH SO THAT ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS COULD BE THOUGHT OF TO ALLEVIATE ANY LIKELY CONSTRAINTS THAT MAY HINDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS.

QUOTE THE BROAD CLASSIFICATION OF THE AREAS IN WHICH EARLY STUDIES COULD BE TAKEN UP MAY BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. TECHNICAL

1.1 TECHNOLOGICAL FEASIBILITY.

1.2 ECONOMIC VIABILITY.

1.3 AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES.

1.4 SITING REQUIREMENTS.

2. FINANCING

2.1 INVESTMENT CRITERIA.

2.2 INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS.

2.3 GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES.

3. LEGAL

3.1 JURISDICTIONAL ASPECTS.

3.2 SPECIAL STATUS REQUIREMENTS.

3.3 "FREE-ZONE" CONCEPT
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4. POLITICAL

4.1 INTER STATE RELATIONSHIPS.

4.2 NATIONAL SECURITY.

4.3 PUBLIC ATTITUDE.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL

5.1 NATURE OF INTER STATE AGREEMENTS.

5.2 MANAGERIAL ASPECTS.

5.3 SOCIAL IMPACT.

6. SAFEGUARDS

6.1 PHYSICAL SECURITY OF MATERIALS.

6.2 ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES.

6.3 MATERIAL OWNERSHIP.

QUOTE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL -

1. TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS IN WHICH IAEA SHOULD
CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY STUDIES AND

2. TO DEFINE THE ROLE THAT IAEA COULD PLAY
TOWARDS INITIATING COORDINATED EFFORT BY THE STATES
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